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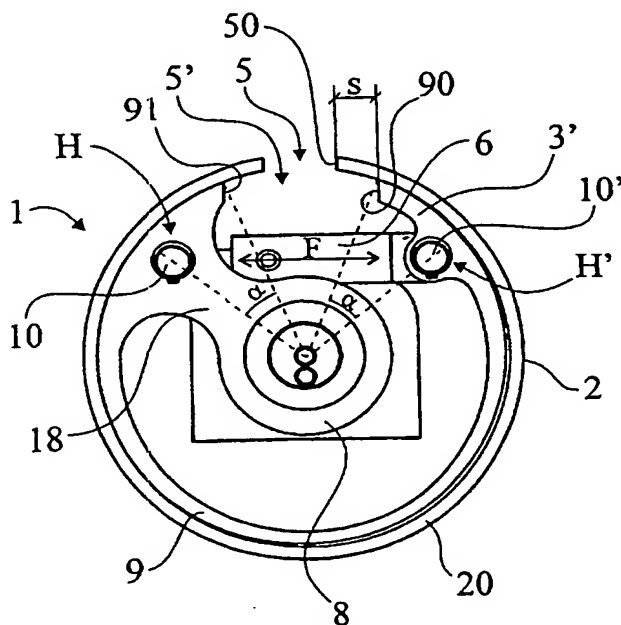
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reelable, strip-shaped objects such as steel strips,  
comprising a support surface (2) that extends in the main  
as a cylinder, a hub (8) arranged to rotate about an axis  
(4) in order to allow rotation of the support surface (2)  
about said axis (4), an adjusting device (60) arranged to  
cooperate with the support surface (2) in order thereby  
to vary the diameter (D1) of the support surface wherein  
the support surface (2) is arranged at a flexible element  
consisting of a continuous circumferential piece and that  
the adjusting device (60) is arranged to affect said support  
surface (2) to alter its shape, whereby the diameter (D)  
of the support surface can be varied.

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